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PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is provided for distributing programming. A first set of programs is 5 transmitted in real time according to a schedule of programming. A second set of programs is stored on a server, with at least one of the first set of programs having a counterpart in the second set of programs. A request from a user for program control over one of the programs in the first set of programs is detected. A determination whether the requested program has a counterpart program stored on the server is made. If so, the counterpart program form the 10 server is played under the control of the user.

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